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3. परीक्षा सुरू झाल्यावर विद्यार्थ्याला प्रश्नपत्रिका दिली जाईल. सुरुवातीच्या 5 मिनिटांमध्ये आपण सदर प्रश्नपत्रिका उघडून खालील बाबी अवश्य तपासून पहाव्यात :
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   (iii) वरीलप्रमाणे सर्व पडताळून पाहिल्यानंतरच प्रश्नपत्रिकेवर ओ.एम.आर. उत्तरपत्रिकेचा क्रमांक लिहावा.
4. प्रत्येक प्रश्नासाठी (A), (B), (C) आणि (D) अशी चार विकल्प उत्तरे दिली आहेत. त्यातील योग्य उत्तराचा रकाना खाली दर्शविल्याप्रमाणे ठळकपणे काळा/निळा करावा.
   उदा. : जर (B) हे योग्य उत्तर असेल तर.
   (A) ● (C) (D)
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चुकीची पद्धती
(A) ✓ (C) (D) (A) ✗ (C) (D) (A) ● (C) (D) (A) (B) (C) (D)

5. या प्रश्नपत्रिकेतील प्रश्नांची उत्तरे **ओ.एम.आर. उत्तरपत्रिकेतच दर्शवावीत**. इतर ठिकाणी लिहिलेली उत्तरे तपासली जाणार नाहीत.
6. आत दिलेल्या सूचना काळजीपूर्वक वाचाव्यात.
7. प्रश्नपत्रिकेच्या शेवटी जोडलेल्या कोऱ्या पानावरच कच्चे काम करावे.
8. जर आपण ओ.एम.आर. उत्तरपत्रिकेवर नमूद केलेल्या ठिकाणाव्यतिरिक्त इतर कोठेही नाव, आसन क्रमांक, फोन नंबर किंवा ओळख पटेल अशी कोणतीही खूण केलेली आढळून आल्यास अथवा असभ्य भाषेचा वापर किंवा इतर गैरमार्गांचा अवलंब केल्यास विद्यार्थ्याला परीक्षेस अपात्र ठरविण्यात येईल.
9. परीक्षा संपल्यानंतर विद्यार्थ्याने मूळ ओ.एम.आर. उत्तरपत्रिका पर्यवेक्षकांकडे परत करणे आवश्यक आहे. तथापि, प्रश्नपत्रिका व ओ.एम.आर. उत्तरपत्रिकेची द्वितीय प्रत आपल्याबरोबर नेण्यास विद्यार्थ्यांना परवानगी आहे.
10. **फक्त निळ्या किंवा काळ्या बॉल पेनचाच वापर करावा.**
11. कॅलक्युलेटर किंवा लॉग टेबल वापरण्यास परवानगी नाही.
12. चुकीच्या उत्तरासाठी गुण कपात केली जाणार नाही.

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Paper II

Time Allowed : 120 Minutes] **[Maximum Marks : 200**

Note : This paper contains **Hundred (100)** multiple choice questions. Each question carrying **Two (2)** marks. Attempt *All* questions.

1. Which three factors are identified as the main controls on the extent of solid solution that can take place in a crystal structure ?
   (A) The relative sizes of the substituting ions/atoms, their ionic charges and the temperature of substitution
   (B) Colour, hardness and cleavage of the mineral
   (C) Crystal system, symmetry and external crystal habit
   (D) Pressure and pH and surrounding environment

2. Many coloured anisotropic minerals show a change in colour as the microscope stage is rotated, when viewed in plane polarised light with the analyser removed. This colour change on rotation is called
   (A) Birefringence
   (B) Pleochroism
   (C) Extinction
   (D) Relief

3. Because K-feldspar commonly crystallizes at high temperature with an intermediate Na-K composition, cooling causes it to exsolve into sodium-rich and potassium-rich feldspar. When the resulting lamellae of one alkali feldspar within another are submicroscopic-too fine to be resolved even with the petrological microscope-this specific exsolution texture is termed
   (A) Cryptoperthite
   (B) Perthite
   (C) Antiperthite
   (D) Rapakivi

4. In an isobaric (0.1 M_p) T-X phase diagram the lowest temperature at which a liquid can co-exist with both diopside and anorthite is called
   (A) cotectic point
   (B) eutectic point
   (C) triple point
   (D) critical point

5. Sapphirine + orthopyroxene + K-feldspar + Quartz + Osumilite is typical assemblage of _____ metamorphism.
   (A) Ultra-High temperature
   (B) Ultra-Low temperature
   (C) Ultra-Low pressure
   (D) Ultra-High pressure

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6. Bedded barite associated with Fuchsite -Kyanite quartzite is characteristic of which sequence ?
   (A) Bababudan Group
   (B) Sargur Group
   (C) Kolar Group
   (D) Ranibennur Subgroup

7. Which sequence best represents the proposed tectono-magmatic initiation of Cuddapah Basin ?
   (A) Subsidence → Dyke Swarms → Doming → Volcanism
   (B) Doming → Dyke Swarms → Thermal relaxation → Down sagging
   (C) Thrusting → Rifting → Granite intrusion → Subsidence
   (D) Impact → Volcanism → Folding → Platform sedimentation

8. Which association hosts the richest manganese mineralisation of the Sausar belt ?
   (A) Sitasaongi quartzite and Bichva Marble
   (B) Charbaoli quartzite and Junewani Schist
   (C) Mansar Mica Schist and Lohangi Carbonate
   (D) Tirodi gneiss and Bichva Calc-silicate

9. The Dharwar supracrustal belt extending into Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, is the northern continuation of which belt ?
   (A) Chitradurga Belt
   (B) Hutti Belt
   (C) Sandur Belt
   (D) Shimoga Belt

10. Match the term with the correct meaning.
   (A) Trace – Rainfall exceeding a heavy
   (B) Hail – Liquid water droplets below 0°C
   (C) Fog – Precipitation made only of ice
   (D) Dew – Condensation on surfaces near the ground

11. The Chief phosphorite member is associated with _____ formation.
   (A) Takche
   (B) Thango
   (C) Krol
   (D) Tal

12. The horizontal distance at right angles to the crest between the trough points on both sides of the ripple crest are known as
   (A) Toe point
   (B) Summit point
   (C) Ripple length
   (D) Ripple index

13. A ripple bedding in which mud streaks are preserved completely in the troughs and partially on the crests are known as
   (A) Flaser bedding
   (B) Lenticular bedding
   (C) Lunate bedding
   (D) Load casts bedding

14. The cross stratification structures forms during storm events with a combined wave and current activity in shallow seas, and is the result of aggradation of mounds and swales are known as
   (A) Planar cross stratification
   (B) Trough cross stratification
   (C) Hummocky cross stratification
   (D) Climbing cross stratification

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15. A ternary petrologic system contains four equilibrium phases and is experimentally maintained at constant total pressure, while temperature is allowed to vary. What is its variance ?
(A) f = –1, so the assemblage is impossible
(B) f = 0, so the equilibrium temperature is fixed at that pressure
(C) f = 1, so temperature remains an independent variable
(D) f = 2, because composition provides two additional degrees of freedom

16. Read Assertion (A) and Reason (R) carefully and select the correct option.

Assertion (A) : A coarse spatial resolution may cause mixed pixels.

Reason (R) : A larger ground resolution cell can include more than one type of ground feature.
(A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) correctly explains (A)
(B) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) does not explain (A)
(C) (A) is true, but (R) is false
(D) (A) is false, but (R) is true

17. The frequency of the GPS Link – 1 (L – 1) carrier wave is
(A) 1227.60 MHz
(B) 1575.42 MHz
(C) 1176.45 MHz
(D) 10.23 MHz

18. Which one of the following statements is correct regarding the L_1 and L_2 GPS signals ?
(A) L_2 has a higher frequency than L_1
(B) L_2 and L_1 have identical wavelengths
(C) L_1 has a higher frequency and shorter wavelength than L_2
(D) L_1 and L_2 have identical frequencies but different PRN codes

19. In a Geographical Information System (GIS), a road network stored as a set of interconnected lines with explicitly recorded connectivity and adjacency relationships (which segment connects to which, what lies on either side) is using which data model and property ?
(A) Raster data model with cell based storage
(B) Vector data model with topological coding
(C) Raster data model with attribute tables only
(D) Vector data model with no locational component

20. Which data type stores multispectral data by pixel, with successive band values for each pixel ?
(A) Digital Elevation Model (DEM)
(B) Band Sequential (BSQ)
(C) Band Interleaved by Line (BIL)
(D) Band Interleaved by Pixel (BIP)

21. Flash floods are
(A) Global scale floods
(B) Continental scale floods
(C) Regional scale floods
(D) Local scale floods

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22. Tectonic Earthquakes are caused due to
(A) Stress and strain along Earth's plates or dislodging of rocks during faulting
(B) Volcanic eruptions
(C) Isostatic imbalance due to sudden geological activity at a regional scale
(D) Weight of water in reservoir

23. Which of the following is the strongest underlying observation in support of plate tectonic hypothesis ?
(A) Decreasing heat flux away from the spreading centres
(B) Striped patterns of alternately positive and negative magnetic anomalies observed symmetrically on opposite sides of the mid-oceanic ridges
(C) Decreasing magnetic field away from the mid-oceanic ridges
(D) Discovery of ocean subduction zones

24. The reference spheroid is a close approximation to the equipotential surface of gravity whereas the geoid is considered as the physical equipotential surface of gravity. Which of the following best represents the undulations in the geoid ?
(A) Positive geoid undulation over a local mass deficit under the reference spheroid
(B) Negative geoid undulation over a mass excess beneath the reference spheroid
(C) Uneven topography and heterogeneous internal mass distribution of the Earth
(D) Uneven temperature distribution inside the Earth

25. Read the statements below and choose the correct answer from the options given below.
i. Conditional instability is the most common type of atmospheric instability.
ii. Conditional instability occurs when environmental lapse rate is greater than the dry adiabatic lapse rate.
(A) both i and ii are true
(B) i is true and ii is false
(C) both i and ii are false
(D) i is false and ii is true

26. A proposed concrete dam is to be founded on alternating beds of sandstone and shale. Which bedding attitude would be considered most unfavourable for foundation stability ?
(A) Beds dipping gently upstream
(B) Beds dipping steeply upstream
(C) Beds dipping at low angle downstream
(D) Nearly vertical beds striking across the valley

27. Which geophysical exploration method is suitable for exploration of disseminated base metal sulphides ?
(A) Seismic reflection method
(B) Gravity method
(C) Induced polarisation method
(D) Radioactivity method

28. Groundwater rises through natural opening in a confining layer and discharges at the surface because the potentiometric surface lies above the discharge point. The spring is classified as a
(A) Contact spring
(B) Depression spring
(C) Artesian spring
(D) Seepage spring

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29. Which one of the following would be considered as an exception to the $Ca^{+2} - HCO_3^-$ type groundwater in limestone aquifers ?
    (A) Groundwater near equilibrium with calcite
    (B) Groundwater strongly influenced by halite dissolution
    (C) Groundwater containing high concentration of Ca^{+2} and HCO_3^-
    (D) Recharging water interacting with soil CO_2

30. The relationship between groundwater storage and baseflow can best be described as
    (A) Increased groundwater storage leads to decrease in baseflow
    (B) Baseflow for a drainage basin is independent of groundwater storage
    (C) Reducing groundwater storage leads to declining baseflow
    (D) Baseflow for a drainage basin increases when the water table falls

31. Consider the processing of a seismic signal (Sine wave) of frequency 100 Hz. The sampling frequency f_s required to avoid loss of information and faithfully reconstruct the signal is
    (A) $f_s \geq 100$ Hz
    (B) $f_s < 150$ Hz
    (C) $f_s \geq 200$ Hz
    (D) $f_s < 200$ Hz

32. Mark the correct answer.
    (A) If F(n) is the Fourier transform of f(t), then f(t) is the Fourier transform of F(n)
    (B) If f(t) is the Fourier transform of F(n) then F(n) is the Fourier transform of f(t)
    (C) Both A and B
    (D) Neither A nor B

33. Consider an interface between two media-upper medium with velocity V_1 and density ρ_1 and lower medium with velocity V_2 and density ρ_2. Maximum transmission of seismic energy will take place through the interface when
    (A) $V_1 > V_2$ and $\rho_1 > \rho_2$
    (B) $V_1 < V_2$ and $\rho_1 < \rho_2$
    (C) $V_1 = V_2$ and $\rho_1 = \rho_2$
    (D) $V_1 > V_2$ and $\rho_1 < \rho_2$

34. The fault plane solution in the figure corresponds to



    (A) Dip slip
    (B) Thrust fault
    (C) Strike slip fault
    (D) Normal fault

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35. The depth of penetration of an electromagnetic field
(A) increases as both the frequency of the electromagnetic field and the electrical conductivity of the subsurface decrease
(B) increases with decrease in frequency of electromagnetic field
(C) decreases with increase in frequency of electromagnetic field
(D) does not depend on frequency at all

36. The primary mechanism for charge separation in thunder clouds is widely believed to involve
(A) Only gravitational settling of rain drops
(B) Collisions between ice particles (grouped crystals) in the presence of supercooled water and temperature gradients
(C) Only photoionization by solar UV
(D) Only cosmic ray ionization

37. The most frequent type of lightning discharge globally is
(A) Cloud-to-ground
(B) Ground-to-cloud
(C) Intra-cloud
(D) Cloud-to-ionosphere only

38. A line connecting places having equal rainfall is known as
(A) Isobar
(B) Isotherm
(C) Isotachs
(D) Isohyet

39. A cloud with its base at or very near Earth's surface is called
(A) Cumulus cloud
(B) Cirrus cloud
(C) Fog
(D) High cloud

40. The magnesium to calcium ratio (Mg/Ca) of foraminiferal calcite test/shell serves as a proxy for
(A) Seawater pH
(B) Primary productivity
(C) The temperature of calcification
(D) The sedimentation rate

41. Which stratigraphic unit of the paleozoic succession of Lidar Valley, Kashmir Basin is un-fossiliferous ?
(A) Hapatnar group
(B) Muth formation
(C) Zewan formation
(D) Fenestella sholes

42. Which of the following show five-fold radial symmetry ?
(A) Echinoids
(B) Pelecypods
(C) Ammonites
(D) Trilobites

43. Ammonite suture in the order of complexity
(A) Ceratite < Ammonite < Orthoceratite < Goniatite
(B) Orthoceratite < Goniatite < Ceratite < Ammonite
(C) Goniatite < Ceratite < Orthoceratite < Ammonite
(D) Orthoceratite < Ceratite < Goniatite < Ammonite

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44. The opening through which a sponge eject water
(A) Dermal pores
(B) Spongocoel
(C) Osculum
(D) Spicules

45. Walther's law of Facies succession is applicable to
(A) Conformable succession
(B) Overturned sequences
(C) Unconformity
(D) Faulted sequence

46. In relatively oxidized I-type magmatic fluids, sulphur occurs mainly as
(A) H_2S
(B) HS^-
(C) SO_4^{2-}
(D) S^{2-}

47. 'High-sulfidation' and 'low-sulfidation' primarily refer to differences in
(A) Total sulfur abundance
(B) Sulfur isotope composition
(C) Sulfide mineral abundance
(D) Sulfur oxidation state

48. In the calculation of shale volume using SP log, what is the full form of PSP ?
(A) Primary Static Potential
(B) Pseudo Static Potential
(C) Permanent Static Potential
(D) Primary Structural Potential

49. The occurrences of lignite are known in the _____ area, South Arcot district, Tamil Nadu.
(A) Kanyakumari
(B) Neyveli
(C) Tiruchirappalli
(D) Salem

50. Which feature marks the profound unconformity above peninsular Gneiss ?
(A) Polymict conglomerate
(B) Banded iron formation
(C) Quartz-pebble conglomerate
(D) Fuchsite quartzite

51. Match the Physiographic features (List – I) with the Longitudinal divisions of Himalayas.

List – I	List – II
a. Bara-Lacha Pass	i. Eastern Himalayas
b. Dafla Hills	ii. Central Himalayas
c. Nanda Devi Peak	iii. Himachal Himalayas
d. Nathu-La Pass	iv. Kumann Himalayas

Codes :

	a	b	c	d
(A)	ii	iv	i	iii
(B)	iii	iv	ii	i
(C)	iii	iv	i	ii
(D)	iii	i	iv	ii

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52. Which of the following pairs are correct ?
i. Eutrophication – Release of hot water from thermal power plants
ii. Biomagnification – Accumulation of pollutants through tissues in increasing concentration along the food chain
iii. Ground water pollution – Seepage of industrial and municipal wastes
iv. Algal Blooms – Enrichment of water bodies resulting from addition of organic and inorganic nutrients

Codes :
(A) Only i, ii and iii
(B) Only ii, iii and iv
(C) Only i, iii and iv
(D) Only i, ii and iv

53. Which combination of statements correctly describes human impacts on biodiversity ?
i. Permanent forest clearing can have high-level impacts.
ii. Urban and industrial development can affect biodiversity.
iii. Rotational shifting cultivation is presented as an example of relatively low-impact land use.
iv. Forest regeneration following land-use abandonment can have generally positive effects.

Codes :
(A) Only i and ii
(B) Only i, ii and iii
(C) Only ii, iii and iv
(D) i, ii, iii and iv

54. During the December solstice, the Northern Hemisphere generally experiences
(A) Equal day and night everywhere
(B) The sun overhead at 23.5°N
(C) Its shortest day
(D) Its longest day

55. The Findlater jet is a strong low level westerly jet located over the
(A) North Atlantic
(B) Western Indian Ocean, near the equator and Somali coast
(C) Central Pacific
(D) Southern Ocean

56. The progressive closure of the Central American Seaway during the late Cenozoic is thought to have
(A) Strengthened Atlantic overturning and contributed to the intensification of Northern Hemisphere glaciation
(B) Opened the Drake passage
(C) Produced no climatic effect
(D) Desiccated the Mediterranean waters

57. Out of the following, which records can produce highest resolution of the longer duration of paleoclimatic signatures during quaternary ?
(A) Marine core
(B) Ice core
(C) Speleothem
(D) Tree rings

58. The Milankovitch cycle of eccentricity is of the order of
(A) 200 Ka
(B) 300 Ka
(C) 100 Ka
(D) 20 Ka

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59. A Quaternary section in Thar deserts consisting of calcareous well sorted sand, massive with indurated calcrete indicate
(A) Semiarid climate
(B) Arid climate
(C) High rainfall climate
(D) Esker climate

60. The shell of an Ostracode is called
(A) Carapace
(B) Rostrum
(C) Frustules
(D) Foramen

61. By mass, which ion has the longest residence time in the ocean water ?
(A) Lithium (Li^+)
(B) Potassium (K^+)
(C) Sodium (Na^+)
(D) Calcium (Ca^{2+})

62. The thermohaline circulation is driven principally by
(A) Lunar and solar tidal forcing
(B) The coriolis force
(C) Density contrasts generated by temperature and salinity differences
(D) Wind stress

63. The pattern in which many species disappear over a short interval and are replaced by functionally and taxonomically similar species, after which the new assemblage persists with little change, is termed
(A) Adaptive radiation
(B) Coordinated turnover followed by stasis
(C) Phyletic gradualism
(D) Convergent iteration

64. In which one of the following ecosystems the ecological pyramid is spindle-shaped ?
(A) Forest ecosystem
(B) Grassland ecosystem
(C) Pond ecosystem
(D) Tree ecosystem

65. A pyroxenite with 40% olivine and >5% clinopyroxene and 75% orthopyroxene is called
(A) Olivine gabbro
(B) Olivine clinopyroxenite
(C) Olivine orthopyroxenite
(D) Olivine websterite

66. The pressure head in groundwater hydraulics represents
(A) The elevation of the aquifer above mean sea level
(B) The height of the water column supported by fluid pressure
(C) The depth to the groundwater level from the surface
(D) The total saturated thickness of the aquifer

67. If the freshwater hydraulic head is 2 m above sea level, then the approximate depth to the freshwater-seawater interface is
(A) 40 m
(B) 2 m
(C) 80 m
(D) 20 m

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68. A porous medium has intrinsic permeability 'K' where fluid viscosity doubles while density remains unchanged, hydraulic conductivity will
(A) Become double
(B) Remain unchanged
(C) Become half
(D) Become zero

69. Match the following.

a.	Hydraulic head	1.	m^{-1}
b.	Intrinsic permeability	2.	m
c.	Transmissivity	3.	m^2
d.	Specific storage	4.	m^2/s

(A) a – 2, b – 3, c – 4, d – 1
(B) a – 1, b – 2, c – 3, d – 4
(C) a – 2, b – 1, c – 4, d – 3
(D) a – 3, b – 1, c – 4, d – 2

70. If a silty clay sample has a porosity of 50% and specific retention of 40%, then its specific yield is
(A) 5%
(B) 4%
(C) 10%
(D) 2%

71. The classic 'RNA World' hypothesis about the origin of life on earth is favoured over a protein first scenario principally because
(A) RNA can store heritable information and also act catalytically as a ribozyme, revolving the chicken-and-egg problem of replication
(B) RNA is chemically more stable than DNA under all conditions
(C) RNA is synthesised only inside a living cell
(D) RNA cannot participate in any catalytic reaction

72. Kepler's third law results from the relationship between
(A) The gravity and magnetic forces
(B) Gravitational attraction and the effect of orbital motion
(C) The elliptical shapes of planetary orbits and the force of gravitation
(D) Solar radiation and planetary mass

73. Widmanstatten bands are common in which type of meteorites ?
(A) Achondrites
(B) Iron meteorites
(C) Stony meteorites
(D) Chondrites

74. In which drainage pattern the confluence of a tributary with the main river is characterised by a discordant junction as if the tributary intends to flow upstream and not downstream ?
(A) Barbed Drainage Pattern
(B) Rectangular Drainage Pattern
(C) Radial Drainage Pattern
(D) Annular Drainage Pattern

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75. Which one of the following is *not* the tributary of River Krishna ?
(A) Ghataprabha
(B) Pranhita
(C) Malprabha
(D) Bhima

76. The ratio of focal length to camera height constitutes
(A) Photo scale
(B) Photo nadir
(C) Nadir point
(D) Front overlap

77. Increase of pore fluid pressure affects the normal stress acting on a fault/fracture in the following way
(A) Increases the effective normal stress and moves the Mohr's circle towards the Coulomb failure line
(B) Reduces the effective normal stress and shifts the Mohr's circle towards the Coulomb failure line
(C) Does not affect the normal stress at all
(D) Increases the differential stress

78. A 300 cm core run produces sound core pieces of 28 cm, 43 cm, 34 cm, 2 cm and 48 cm. What is the RQD and corresponding rock quality ?
(A) 20%
(B) 51%
(C) 61%
(D) 76%

79. Two boreholes penetrate the same lithology. Borehole X gives an RQD of 85%, whereas borehole Y gives an RQD of 35%. Assuming representative drilling, which interpretation is most appropriate ?
(A) Borehole Y represents less fractured rock
(B) Borehole X represents the more intensely fractured rock mass
(C) Borehole X generally represents better quality less fractured rock
(D) RQD cannot provide information about fracture density

80. A tunnel passes through a hill where bedding or fault planes dip toward the valley slope. After prolonged saturation which problem is most likely ?
(A) Improvement in rock-mass stability
(B) Reduction in discontinuity controlled movement
(C) Sliding and instability along unfavourably oriented planes
(D) Development of completely massive rock around the tunnel

81. Which depth-profile sequence is correct for seawater constituents ?
(A) Conservative – Constant ; recycled – increases ; scavenged – decreases
(B) Conservative – increases ; recycled – constant ; scavenged – decreases
(C) Conservative – decreases ; recycled – increases ; scavenged – constant
(D) Conservative – constant ; recycled – decreases ; scavenged – increases

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82. Rb-Sr dating is generally more suitable for intermediate - felsic rocks because differentiation tends to
(A) Decrease Rb/Sr
(B) Eliminate Sr
(C) Increase Rb/Sr
(D) Keep Rb/Sr constant

83. The lower concordia-discordia intercept can be interpreted as the disturbance age only when Pb loss was
(A) Continuous over a long period
(B) Instantaneous or episodic
(C) Absent
(D) Accompanied by complete U loss

84. The Re-Os system differs fundamentally from Sm-Nd because, during mantle melting
(A) Both Re and Os are strongly incompatible
(B) Re is compatible and Os incompatible
(C) Os is compatible and Re incompatible
(D) Both remain entirely in the mantle

85. Crystal contamination of a matic magma may promote Ni-Cu sulfide mineralization because it
(A) Decreases silica activity and increases S solubility
(B) Increases Sm/Nd of the magma
(C) Removes all radiogenic Os
(D) Increases silica activity and decreases S solubility

86. The large-scale tropical overturning circulation with rising motion near the equator and sinking in the subtropic is the
(A) Ferrel cell
(B) Polar cell
(C) Hadley cell
(D) Walker cell

87. The periodic warming of the ocean that occurs in the central and eastern pacific refer to
(A) La Nina
(B) El Nino
(C) Ocean Nino Index
(D) ENSO

88. Which statement about the global conveyor belt is correct ?
(A) It completes one full cycle in about 10 days
(B) It redistributes heat globally and influences climate patterns
(C) It is confined to the upper 100 m of the ocean
(D) It has no role in nutrient transport

89. Planktic foraminifera made their first appearance during the
(A) Cambrian
(B) Devonian
(C) Jurassic
(D) Neogene

90. Flash floods are of
(A) Great volume and short duration
(B) Small volume and long duration
(C) Great volume and long duration
(D) Small volume and short duration

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91. In a three layer VES model if resistivity $\rho_3 \rightarrow \infty$, then the third layer behaves approximately as
(A) A perfectly conductive layer
(B) A perfectly homogeneous layer
(C) A highly resistive layer
(D) An infinitely thick layer

92. Consider the layers where $\rho_1 = 100\ \Omega m$ (Ohm-m), $\rho_2 = 20\ \Omega m$ (Ohm – m), $\rho_3 = 200\ \Omega m$ (Ohm – m) and $\rho_4 = 50\ \Omega m$ (Ohm – m). The electrical resistivity curve type is
(A) HK
(B) KH
(C) HA
(D) QH

93. A mountain if not compensated at depth gravitationally, it will show
(A) Positive free air anomaly
(B) Negative free air anomaly
(C) Zero free air anomaly
(D) Positive Bouguer anomaly

94. In gravity prospecting the unit of acceleration used to describe the gravity field of the Earth is defined as follows
(A) 1 gal = 1 m/s^2
(B) 1 gal = 10^{-2} m/s^2
(C) 1 gal = 10 cm/s^2
(D) 1 gal = 10^2 cm/s^2

95. Which of the following geophysical well logs provides a measure of formation primary porosity ?
(A) Density log
(B) Neutron log
(C) Sonic log
(D) NMR log

96. According to Ramsay's classification _____ is an example of similar fold.
(A) Class – I a
(B) Class – I b
(C) Class – I c
(D) Class – II

97. When the axis plunges directly down the dip of the axial plane; the fold is known as
(A) Plunging fold
(B) Periclinal fold
(C) Reclined fold
(D) Flexure fold

98. Lines Joining points of equal limb dip in successive layers through the fold profile are known as
(A) Agonic lines
(B) Isohyetes
(C) Dip isogons
(D) Contour lines

99. Salt domes are best examples of
(A) Diapiric fold
(B) Reclined fold
(C) Drag fold
(D) Pericline fold

100. Nappe structures can be formed by
(A) Overthrusting
(B) Folding
(C) Normal faulting
(D) Strike slip faulting

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